

**MINUTES OF THE 772nd BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NORTHWEST MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT**

TIME: 3:00 p.m., Thursday, December 21, 2023

PLACE: Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District
1966 Compton Avenue
Corona, CA 92881

Zoom Teleconference: Meeting ID: 389 155 8737

TRUSTEES PRESENT:	Brian Tisdale	Lake Elsinore	President
	Clint Lorimore	Eastvale	Vice President
	Dale Welty	Canyon Lake	Secretary
	Katherine Aleman	Norco	Trustee
	Gary Bradley, Ph.D.	Riverside	Trustee
	Nancy Jimenez-Hernandez	Corona	Trustee
	Steven Su, Ph.D.	Riverside County	Trustee
	Dale Welty	Canyon Lake	Trustee

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Guillermo Silva Jurupa Valley

STAFF PRESENT:	Mark Breidenbaugh, Ph.D.	District Manager
	Angela Caranci, Ph.D.	Assistant Manager/Vector Ecologist
	Eric Ballejos	Public Information & Tech. Officer
	Jeff Hopkins	Clerk of the Board/HR Generalist
	Britney Mercado	Administrative Assistant I

OTHERS PRESENT: None

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President Tisdale called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Jimenez-Hernandez.

III. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS:

At the time of roll call Trustees, Aleman, Jimenez-Hernandez, Lorimore, Su, Tisdale, Welty as well as District Manager, Assistant DM/Vector Ecologist, Public Information and Technology Officer, Clerk of the Board/HR Generalist, and Administrative Assistant I were present in the boardroom. Trustee Bradley arrived at 3:19 p.m.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

No public comments or questions.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Motion by Trustee Lorimore to approve all items on the Consent Calendar; second by Trustee Su. No roll call vote, all present in the room passed motion unanimously including Trustees Aleman, Jimenez-Hernandez, Lorimore, Su, Tisdale, and Welty.

VI. PRESENTATION:

- A. Northwest MVCD Honey Bee Program – Eric Ballejos and Britney Mercado
1. Following some board discussion, a request for additional information from the staff on the number of bee service requests coming from public works rather than residential requests.

VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. Recommendation to amend the Bylaws to move the Election of Officers from January to December and to clarify the general election procedure.

The District Manager summarized the current mechanism that allows for an election in January. Minor changes were suggested in Article III.1. and Article IV. A procedural change with the intent of moving the election of new officers (Secretary, Vice-President, and President) on a seniority/rotational basis to the December board meeting is detailed in Article III.4. “Election of Officers” and an associated change in Article III.5.

Motion by Trustee Aleman; second by Trustee Bradley. No roll call vote, all present in the room passed motion unanimously including Trustees Aleman, Bradley, Jimenez-Hernandez, Lorimore, Su, Tisdale, and Welty.

B. Recommendation to submit a Request for Proposal (RFP) for District Legal Counsel to represent Northwest MVCD.

The District Manager stated that the District is currently represented by Bradley Neufeld, an attorney with Varner & Brandt, LLP. He has represented the District for over 30 years. A review of District records does not indicate the last time the District considered a competitive process for District Counsel. In the interest of this agency and best management practices, periodic consideration of alternative contractors is suggested. An RFP was provided to the Board as a mechanism to solicit proposals. Proposals received would be evaluated by a committee represented by the District Manager and two Trustees. Any recommendation would be presented to the Board as an action item.

Motion by Trustee Aleman; second by Trustee Jimenez-Hernandez. No roll call vote, all present in the room passed motion unanimously including Trustees Aleman, Bradley, Jimenez-Hernandez, Lorimore, Su, Tisdale, and Welty.

VIII. Reports:

1. Trustees: Trustee Aleman conveyed the importance of cleaning and draining the water from a tank that houses a pet as even a cap full of water is all it takes for mosquitoes to survive and breed.
2. District Manager: Highlighted that CY23 was an extremely active year in regard to vector ecology. West Nile virus and Aedes aegypti abundance was greater than in the last 5+ years. Indicated that the auditors will present the District's financial report for FY 2022-2023 at the next board meeting; summarized successful team building event with staff.
3. Staff: Clerk of the Board/HR Generalist attended the CSDA Board Clerk Conference and provided legislative updates regarding the Brown Act. He also attended the CALPELRA Conference.

IX. Informational:

1. None.

X. Other Business:

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XI. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

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December 21, 2023

Consent Item #V-A

Next regular meeting: 3:00 p.m., Thursday January 18, 2024, At 1966 Compton Avenue, Corona,
CA 92881.

I certify that the above minutes substantially reflect the action taken by the Board of
Trustees at its meeting held on December 21, 2023.

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Mark Breidenbaugh, Ph.D., District Manager

Approved as written and/or corrected by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on
January 18, 2024.

ATTEST:



Brian Tisdale, President



Dale Welty, Secretary